

Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious! - 25

God's covenant with David guarantees the restoration of David's kingdom by his promised offspring in David's presence -

•“And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever BEFORE YOU” - 2 Samuel 7:16.

There was an incipient fulfilment when David witnessed Solomon's ascension to the throne before his own death - 1 Kings 1:48.

•But it will be when God's “Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead” - Romans 1:3 -

it will be when the government of Israel, as administered by Jesus, will become the kingdom of God, that the actual fulfilment of the covenant with David will occur. We saw earlier how Jesus said that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets will each have a place in the kingdom of God - Luke 13:28.

And we saw that the apostles will also have ruling positions in Christ's kingdom - Luke 22:29, but the promise to all the faithful is that they shall inherit the kingdom of God -

•“Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” - 2 Peter 1:10-11.

•“We exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, that you would have a walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory” - 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12.

•“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear” - Hebrews 12:28 .

David will be present to witness the enthronement of his promised offspring Jesus Christ as king of Israel in Jerusalem, which Jesus called the city of the great King - Matthew 5:35, because it is there that God has promised His law will go forth into all nations -

•“...I will bring you to Zion. 15 And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding... 17 At that time JERUSALEM SHALL BE CALLED THE THRONE OF THE LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem...” - Jeremiah 3:14-17.

This cannot mean heaven, because Peter explicitly affirmed during his speech to the visitors to Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost -

•“Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day... 34 For DAVID DID NOT ASCEND INTO THE HEAVENS, but he says himself: 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool’ - Acts 2:29-34. And Paul declared in Antioch,

•“David...fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption” - Acts 13:36.